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FOR S/NM FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: ROLE OF NARCOTICS ADVISER - BOLIVIA

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1. OUR NARCOTICS ADVISER, DAVID ARROYO, HAS CARRIED OUT A VERY USEFUL FUNCTION AT THIS POST AND HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN CARRYING OUT THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM AND IN ADVISING ME AS WELL AS OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION.

2. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO LETTERED SUB-PARAGRAPHS OF PARA 4 REFTEL.

A. ARROYO'S SPECIAL VALUE LIES IN PROVIDING EXPERTISE AND OVERSIGHTS WITHIN THE AID ENFORCEMENT AND CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS, IN AREAS WHERE DEA IS NOT INVOLVED.

B. ARROYO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN IDENTIFYING POINTS WITHIN THE US/BOLIVIAN PROGRAM WHICH ARE WEAK AND REQUIRE FURTHER COOPERATIVE ACTION, AND RECOMMENDING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS. WHILE THE PROGRAM IS IN THE INITIAL STAGES, THE ADVISER PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN ASSESS-

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MENT AND MONITORING, AND IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH TIMING OF INITIAL STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE GOB.

C. ARROYO IS A MOST EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF LIAISON AND HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS WITH ALL HOST GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE NARCOTICS EFFORT. HE HAS A FLAIR FOR PUSHING GOB OFFICIALS TO TAKE ACTION WHILE RETAINING EXCELLENT RAPPORT.

D. ARROYO RELATES WELL WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE HAD

PREVIOUSLY BEEN STATIONED IN LA PAZ AND DEVELOPED AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE THINKING AND METHODS OF GOV OFFICIALS. THEY IN TURN HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

E. I BELIEVE THE ADVISOR USES HIS TIME VERY EFFECTIVELY. AT THIS STAGE IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE US/GOB PROGRAM HE DEVOTES MOST TIME AND EFFORT TO FOLLOWING UP THE STEPS AGREED UPON IN THE PROAGS AND INSURING THAT THE GOB AT THE WORKING AND POLICY LEVELS IS MOVING AHEAD TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR PART OF THE UNDERTAKINGS.

F. THE ADVISER PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT, THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATION COMMITTEE, AND TO ME. GENERALLY SPEAKING HE PROVIDES SUPPORT MORE OFTEN THAN DIRECTION, ALTHOUGH IN SOME INSTANCES HE TAKES THE LEAD IN CARRYING OUT PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. HE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF, AND A VALUABLE SUPPORT TO, THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COMMITTEE.

G. ARROYO REPORTS PRINCIPALLY TO THE DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE AID MISSION. HOWEVER AS APPROPRIATE HE ALSO RECEIVES GUIDANCE FROM THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR (DCM) AND FROM ME.

H. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIAL ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE NEEDED FROM WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME. SUCH NEED, HOWEVER, MAY WELL ARISE AS THE EXPANDED US/GOB PROGRAM UNFOLDS.

I. THERE IS A CONTINUING CONTACT BETWEEN THE ADVISER AND DEA. THEY ARE IN DAILY TOUCH SINCE THEY BOTH DEAL WITH THE SAME GOB OFFICIALS AT SEVERAL LEVELS AND HAVE--UP TO A POINT--COMMON INTERESTS AND BACKGROUNDS. THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS CONSTRUCTIVE AND LARGELY DEPENDS ON PROFESSIONALISM AND MATURITY.

J. I BELIEVE THAT ARROYO HAS THE TALENT AND EXPERIENCE NEEDED FOR THE JOB AND THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM.

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